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NEWTON ABBOT
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR

1963

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NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1963

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1963, together with that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics again show no material differences between the figures for this District and those of the Administrative County of Devon. The 'crude' Birth and Death rates depend upon the actual numbers of births and deaths which have taken place during the year. The 'corrected' rates are the 'crude' rates modified by a factor worked out by the Registrar General. This takes into account the larger proportion of elderly persons in the District.

Regarding the age at death, it is remarkable that of the total of 317 deaths, 181, or over 57%, were aged 75 years or over.

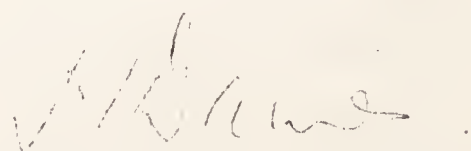
The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1963 was 194, a considerable rise from the 79 notified in the previous year. This rise is almost entirely due to the increase in the number of cases of Measles. It is characteristic of this disease that its incidence rises in alternate years. You will also note the absence of Whooping Cough (for the first time), Diphtheria, Tetanus, Typhoid, Para-Typhoid, Poliomyelitis, and the very low incidence of new cases of Tuberculosis. All these diseases are now under almost complete control and could be eliminated from the Country by the exercise of continued vigilance and a relatively small expenditure of

money. Once again I urge all parents to see that their children are given the protection which is available, free of charge, through their Family Doctor or through the County Council Child Welfare Clinics and Schools.

In a district such as this, with its high proportion of elderly persons, many cases are found where elderly people are living in very poor circumstances. The National Assistance Acts provide for the removal of persons in need of care and attention to Hospital or Welfare Homes, as necessary, but it is obviously more advantageous that the necessary assistance should be provided in the person's home, or that they should be admitted to Homes and Hospitals on a voluntary basis, than it is to have to use compulsory powers. The need for compulsion was required in one case during the year.

I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be
Your Obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1963.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	4,156
Population mid 1963.....	18,240
Population 1961 census.....	18,060
Rateable Value as at 1st. January 1963.....	£307,756
Rateable Value as at 31st. December 1963.....	£685,950
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April 1963....	£2,800

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	141	141	282
Illegitimate	8	10	18
	149	151	300
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			16.45
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			18.26
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			
Administrative County of Devon			14.91
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			
Administrative County of Devon			17.89
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England			
and Wales			18.2

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			16.39
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			
Administrative County of Devon			16.87
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			17.2

Deaths

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 72.96 years. The average age of all male deaths was 70.7 years and for female deaths 74.93 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	150	167	317
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			17.38
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			10.43
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			15.54
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			11.66
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			12.2

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One Year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			23.33
Infant Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			18.77
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			21.1

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four Weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			13.33
Neo-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			13.58
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			14.2

Peri-Natal Mortality
(Death of Infants under One Week)

	Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	1	2	3	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	
Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Stillbirths and death of Infants under one week per 1000 total live and still births)				26.23
Peri-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon				28.53
Corresponding rate for England and Wales				29.3

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1963. Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under Four Weeks	2	2
Four weeks and under One year	1	2
1 - 4	1	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	2	-
25 - 34	-	-
35 - 44	1	3
45 - 54	5	4
55 - 64	19	15
65 - 74	46	33
75 and over	73	108
	150	167

Total : 317

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	150	167
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	—
Syphilitic disease	—	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	13	16
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	26	37
Coronary disease, angina	25	16
Hypertension with heart disease	6	9
Other heart disease	14	31
Other circulatory disease	7	6
Influenza	1	2
Pneumonia	8	13
Bronchitis	11	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	—
Congenital malformations	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	15
Motor vehicle accidents	4	—
All other accidents	4	5
Suicide	3	1
	150	167

Total : 317

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1
Dysentery	3	-	3
Pneumonia	5	3	8
Erysipelas	1	-	1
Measles	100	81	181
	<u>109</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>194</u>

Total: 194

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in Newton Abbot during 1963.

Details are set out in the following table:

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F
Under five years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	-	1	-
45 - 64	1	-	-	-
65 and over	3	1	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Total: 7

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, was necessary in one case during 1963.

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STAFF.

Chief Public Health Inspector
C.E.Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspectors

F.J.Webb.
T.J.Price (as from November 1963)

Clerk.

R.T.Mutton. (to May 1963)

Shorthand Typist

Miss S.Weaver. (as from June 1963)

Clerk.

Miss P. Evans. (as from June 1963)

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1963.

DRAINAGE:

Details of the work carried out under this heading are as follows:-

Number of premises visited	55
Number of tests applied	151
Number of visits made	409

FACTORIES:

1.	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>No. on register.</u>	<u>Inspec- tions.</u>	<u>No.of written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupier prosec- uted.</u>	
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	8	17	-	-	
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	64	8	-	-	
(iii)	Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	-	7	-	-	
2.	<u>Cases in which defects were found.</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Ref to H.M. Insp.</u>	<u>Ref by H.M. Insp.</u>	<u>Prose- cution.</u>
	<u>No.of cases in which defects were found.</u>					
	Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
	Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
	Unreasonable Temperature. (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
	Inadequate Ventilation. (S4)	-	-	-	-	-

STORIES (Cont'd)

2. <u>Cases in which defects were found.</u>	Found.	Remedied.	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prose- cution.
<u>No. of cases in which defects were found:-</u>					
Inneffective Drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	1	2	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes.	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION

1. Public Abattoir.

During the year proposals were submitted to and approved by the Council for alterations at the Public Abattoir.

This consists, in the main, of the enlargement of the existing cooling hall and the provision of additional lairage.

A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods visited the Abattoir and discussed the proposed alterations, and approval in principle was obtained for loan sanction subject to the submission of details, drawings and firm tender costs.

The preparation of the necessary drawings and specifications were put into the hands of the local architect.

2. Meat Inspection.

The number of animals slaughtered again shows a decrease compared with the previous year, mainly in connection with the number of calves that have been dealt with.

The details of the animals slaughtered, and the results of inspection are shown in the following tables:-

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Goats
No.Killed	3655	1653	6231	14554	7102	
No.Inspected	3655	1653	6231	14554	7102	
All diseases other than Tuberculosis						
(i) Whole carcasses condemned.	1	5	42	193	16	-
(ii)Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	316	396	53	728	309	--
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	8.67	24.26	1.52	6.33	4.58	-
Tuberculosis only						
(i) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	3	-	-	1	-
(ii)Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	9	7	-	-	-	-
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	0.25	0.60	-	-	0.73	-
No. of cases of Cysticercus Bovis.	12					

	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Bullocks	4,191	4,207	4,409	4,957	5,104	5,308
Calves	6,370	6,260	9,462	9,257	8,866	6,231
Sheep	13,598	19,356	19,087	18,125	14,770	14,554
Pigs	6,863	6,578	7,287	7,666	7,258	7,102
	31,022	36,401	40,245	40,005	35,998	33,195

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FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd).

3. Meat Inspection Regulations

These Regulations came into force on 1st October, 1963, and provided that meat at Slaughterhouses must be inspected, any meat so inspected and passed as fit for human consumption, must be marked and the Council ~~is~~ authorised to charge for meat inspection services.

Once again, I am able to report that all carcasses slaughtered at the Abattoir have been inspected, but the method of inspection prescribed in the Regulations, together with the marking of all carcasses, has meant additional time being spent on this duty.

FOOD INSPECTION:

1. Unsound Food

During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

11	Bullock carcasses
35	Calve carcasses
17	Pig carcasses
93	Bullocks heads
56	Pigs Heads
1,567	Offals and parts
316	lbs. of Meat
187	Tins of Meat/Meat Products
114	Tins(Miscellaneous) Food
14	Cheese products
218	Tins of vegetable products
246	Tins of fruit
25	Tins of Fish products
1	Chicken
4	Pheasants
20	lbs. Pastry

2. Ice-cream

The number of Ice-cream samples that were taken in 1963 are as follows:-

Grade 1	-	Satisfactory	-	6 Samples
Grade 2	-	Fairly Satisfactory	-	3 Samples
Grade 3	-	Unsatisfactory	-	1 Sample
Grade 4	-	Very Bad	-	3 Samples

General

During the year 21 visits were paid to cafes and restaurants and 130 visits to other food handling premises.

Six Informal Notices were served under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

HOUSING:

- (i) Number of Council houses constructed Nil
- (ii) Number of private houses constructed 138

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS:

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows:-

- (i) Number of houses inspected under the Public Health Acts 33
- (ii) Number of houses inspected under the Housing Acts 66
- (iii) Number of Informal Notices served 21
- (iv) Number of Statutory Notices Served:-
 - (a) Under Section 9, Housing Act, 1957 1
 - (b) Under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957 Nil
 - (c) Under Section 17, Housing Act, 1957 Nil
 - (d) Under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 Nil
 - (e) Under Public Health Act, 1936 Nil
- (v) Number of dwellings rendered fit 13
- (vi) Number of dwellings closed Nil
- (vii) Number of inspections made 303

HOUSING AND HOUSE PURCHASE ACT, 1959

The number of dwellings dealt with under the Improvement Grant scheme are as follows:-

- (i) No. of properties receiving grant:-
 - (a) Standard Grant 32
 - (b) Discretionary Grant 4
- (ii) No. of inspections carried out 158

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

1. Transport

During the year another refuse collection lorry was purchased.

This vehicle was of the dual tip type, and was fitted with a power press for compressing the refuse which has proved to be a great advantage.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL (Cont'd).

2. Refuse Disposal

Tipping has continued during the year in the marsh land to the east of Brunel Road.

It should be pointed out that the available space, especially after making provision for cutting a new channel between the brooks running on either side of the tip has made it necessary for pressing the matter of obtaining further land to the north of the existing tipping site.

RODENT CONTROL:

General Treatment

36 private dwellings and 26 other premises were tested for rat infestation, a total of 268 visits being made in this connection.

Sewer Treatment

Two treatments of the sewerage treatment of the town were carried out.

STAFF:

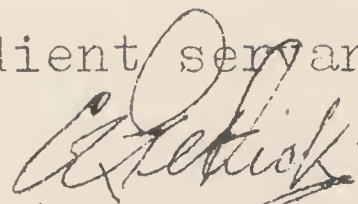
During the year Mr. Mutton, clerk in this department, resigned and Miss S. Weaver was appointed as shorthand typist and Miss P. Evans as clerk as from June 1963.

Additional work was such that the appoint of another Inspector could be postponed no further and Mr. T. J. Price was appointed as second additional Public Health Inspector in November 1963.

I am glad again to take this opportunity to thank those members of the staff and other colleagues for their co-operation during the year and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their support and consideration.

I am,

Your obedient servant.



Chief Public Health Inspector.

